

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
Traditional Service
11:00 am
Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021
Liturgical color; White or Gold

PRELUDE Edna Schmidt

INTROIT

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven, AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** “Christ Is Risen” **307**

***WORDS OF PRAISE** (*responsive*)

Bless is the Lord who gives me counsel; even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me; the Lord is at my right; before me the Lord is my right hand; I shall not be moved.

Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.

For you do not give me up to death, or let your godly one sees the pit.

You show me the path of life;

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

God of the Risen Christ, you love us so much as to raise Christ from the tomb. In you we find only life and grace. You give us forgiveness of sin. Carry us through our times of disbelief. May we believe that Jesus is the Christ! In the name of the Risen One, we pray. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever; AMEN.

ANTHEM “Great Joy in the Morning” arr. Mark Brymer

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OFFERTORY “Satisfied” arr. Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY** (*Sung to the tune of 95*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; AMEN

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*unison*)

We offer to you our common stewardship, O loving God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another’s needs and in serving the world in Christ’s name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. AMEN.

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH (*see insert for the ritual*)

Ethanael John Jobman, son of Karie Jobman and Eric Jobman

Owen Robert Reis, son of Ryan and Renae Reis

Anna Elizabeth Gleason, daughter of Dan and Mary Gleason

Waylon Jude McPheron, son of Candace McPheron

SCRIPTURE Esther Mwebia

First Lesson Acts 5:27-32

Second Lesson Revelation 1:4-8

***GOSPEL READING** John 20:19-23

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injustice and doubt, let me sow pardon and faith. Where there is despair and darkness, let me sow hope and light. And where there is sadness, let me sow joy. AMEN.

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Up from the Grave He Arose” **322**

SERMON “We Are His Witnesses”

***CLOSING HYMN** “He Lives” **310**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Edna Schmidt

*If you are comfortable, please stand.

Bold-Join in response

If you would like to sponsor a tv broadcast or provide flowers for worship, please contact the church office.

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- Thanks for being here! At this time refreshments will not be served.
- The 11:00 AM service is broadcast live on Spectrum channel 181 and re-broadcast Sunday evening at 7:00 PM on 181 and on KWBE the 2nd Sunday of each month. It is available on YouTube and Facebook Live and via live streaming on your computer. See the church website.
- The nursery is CLOSED until further notice.
- Children's activity bags in the back of the sanctuary are not available at this time.
- Sunday school is offered for pre-school thru senior high during the school year at 10:00 AM. The Adult class meets year-round.

PRAYER CENTER

**Ronnie Dunn, Stephanie Smith, Eileen Shirk, Donna Acton,
Bob Dye, Linda Dockery, Carolyn Linsenmeyer, Charles Higgins,
Sharon Bellamy, Linda Leuty, Horold & Debbie Gligdon**

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Welcome to Worship!

**And now these three remains: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.**



REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

'Worship is to feel in your heart and express in some appropriate manner a humbling but delightful sense of admiring awe and astonished wonder and overpowering love in God's presence'. (A. W. Tozer).

The Confirmation and Reaffirmation of Faith 33

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ’s holy church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

I present to you for confirmation:

Ethanael John Jobman, son of Karie Jobman and Eric Jobman

Chosen scripture; Philippians 4:6

Owen Robert Reis, son of Ryan and Renae Reis

Chosen scripture; Romans 8:38-39

Anna Elizabeth Gleason, daughter of Dan and Mary Gleason

Chosen scripture; 1ST Corinthians 10:13

Waylon Jude McPheron, son of Candace McPheron.

Chosen scripture; Acts 2:42-43

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Question for the parents, confirmands.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior; put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Question for parents

Will you nurture these children in Christ’s holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God’s grace for *themselves*, to profess *their* faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Question for Confirmands

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ’s holy church and serve as Christ’s representatives in the world?

I will.

Question for the congregation.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Ethan, Owen, Anna, Waylon* now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround *Ethan, Owen, Anna, Waylon* with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Question to all

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

Ethan, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Owen, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Anna, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Waylon, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Question for those who in confirmation have professed their own faith.

Ethan, Owen, Anna, Waylon as members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Question for those who have their own faith in confirmation.

Ethan, Owen, Anna, Waylon, as members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME *(addressed to congregation)*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ *and in this congregation* of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate *in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service*, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

(addressed to those confirmed, and congregation)

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

Amen.